CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds II (ESSER II)

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Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act – ESSER II

- **CT's ESSER II Funding → $492,426,458**
- **CT's total ESSER I and II Funding → $603,494,517**
- CSDE may reserve up to 10% of the funds for state-level activities
- No less than 90% of the funds must be allocated to Local Education Agencies (LEAs)
- **LEAs do not need to reserve funds for "equitable services"**

ESSER II Funding Timeline

- January 29, 2021:
  - CSDE released LEA allocations and spending priorities
- Week of February 22, 2021:
  - CSDE plans to release online application through eGMS
  - Application will require a needs assessment, an articulation of steps to be taken to mitigate gaps, and description of the intended plan for resource
- Upon funding, CSDE expects updates on plan implementation
- September 30, 2022: ESSER I grant period ends
- September 20, 2023: ESSER II grant period ends

(extended by the Tydings Amendment)

ESSER II State-Level Priorities

- **Academic Supports, Learning Loss, Learning Acceleration and Recovery:** Accelerate learning; measure learning loss; facilitate recovery; target supports to students disproportionately affected

- **Family and Community Connections:** Engage with families and the community; provide parents and guardians with the skills to support their children's academic endeavors

ESSER II State-Level Priorities

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- **School Safety and Social-Emotional Well-being of the "Whole Student" and of our School Staff:** Address unprecedented physical and mental health concerns through following public health safety measures and mental health support both in-person and remotely
- **Remote Learning, Staff Development, and the Digital Divide:** Maintain or upgrade access to technology and connectivity for the long term; increase robust professional development in providing remote learning; provide technical assistance and/or training for families

ESSER II Additional Uses of Funds

Eligible activities under ESSER II are unchanged from ESSER I except for the following additions

- **Addressing learning loss among students disproportionately affected by:** Administering high-quality assessments; Implementing evidence-based activities; Assisting families to support students; Tracking and improving remote student attendance and engagement; Identifying students that experienced learning loss

- **School facility repairs and improvements to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards**

What's Next?

- **CSDE:**
  - Develop online ESSER II application in eGMS
  - Set up application review and technical assistance team
  - Disseminate additional information as it becomes available
- **LEAs:**
  - Using ESSER II allocation information, begin planning how you will identify and address student needs
    - Significant preparation and union support may be needed depending upon the intervention
  - Review current funding streams (ESSER I and CRF) to ensure any remaining balances are used to support current needs in accordance with your approved applications

Key Reminders:

- As of February 1, 2020:
  - CRF Funding Allocated → $126,733,451
  - CRF Funding Available → $70,700,063
  - ESSER I Funding Allocated → $99,961,253
  - ESSER I Funding Available → $61,694,542

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Thank You! Be Safe & Be Well!